

The Temple of Satan Doxx

Master Dossier: The Satanic Temple (TST), Michael Aquino & the Presidio Daycare Case

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I. The Satanic Temple (TST)

A. Founding & Mission

- **Established:** 2013 by Lucien Greaves (Douglas Mesner) and Malcolm Jarry (Cevin Soling) as a non-theistic religious organization [1][2].
- **Core Tenets:** Seven principles emphasizing secularism, bodily autonomy, and compassion [1][3].
- **Legal Status:** Federally recognized 501(c)(3) under **United Federation of Churches, LLC**; granted tax-exempt status in 2019 under Trump-era religious exemptions [1][18][32].
- **Headquarters:** Salem, Massachusetts (repurposed funeral home with Baphomet statue, art gallery, and library) [1][6].

B. Key Legal Battles

1. **First Amendment Challenges:**
2. *The Satanic Temple v. Saucon Valley School District (2023)*: Secured \$200k settlement after discriminatory denial of After School Satan Club (ASSC) access [9][28][31].
3. *The Satanic Temple v. City of Boston (2024)*: Lost bid to deliver City Council invocations; courts upheld Boston's legislative prayer tradition [17]

[27].

4. *The Satanic Temple v. City of Scottsdale (2020)*: Dismissed over invocation policies; Arizona court questioned TST's religious legitimacy [27].

5. **Reproductive Rights:**

6. *The Satanic Temple v. Rokita (Indiana, 2024)*: Dismissed due to lack of standing; sought RFRA exemptions for "Satanic Abortion Rituals" [30][34].
7. *The Satanic Temple v. Labrador (Idaho, 2024)*: Challenged abortion bans under Thirteenth Amendment, claiming forced pregnancy as involuntary servitude [30][34].

8. **Public Monuments:**

9. *The Satanic Temple v. City of Belle Plaine (2023)*: Lost challenge to place Baphomet statue in a public park closed to religious displays [1][4].

C. Structure & Controversies

- **Leadership:** Lucien Greaves (public face) and Malcolm Jarry (strategist, confirmed as Cevin Soling via corporate filings) [1][2][19][24].
- **Internal Schisms:** Splits in 2018 (Portland, LA, UK) and 2024 (Colorado, Florida) over leadership disputes, NDAs, and financial transparency [1][2][24].
- **Funding:** Relies on donations, merchandise, and crowdfunded lawsuits. Criticized for \$35 membership cards and opaque finances [1][2][18][32].

D. Membership & Activism

- **Open Access:** Free online membership; no requirement to identify as Satanist [3][18][26].
- **Subgroups:** Satanists of Color Coalition, Uniformed Coalition (military/first responders), and Satanists Living with Pain [10][18].
- **Campaigns:** Menstruatin' with Satan (sanitary supply drives), Veterans

Assistance, and animal shelter support [10][18].

II. Key Figures

A. Lucien Greaves (Douglas Mesner)

- **Background:** Neuroscience student at Harvard; adopted pseudonym due to death threats [1][2][24].
- **Activism:** Pink Mass protest (2013), ASSC campaigns, and defamation suits against *Newsweek* [1][2][24].

B. Malcolm Jarry (Cevin Soling)

- **Identity:** Confirmed via corporate filings as Cevin Soling, president of Spectacle Films Inc. [2][19][24].
- **Role:** Co-authored TST's Seven Tenets; orchestrated legal strategies and media campaigns [1][2][24].

C. Michael Aquino (Temple of Set)

- **Background:** Ex-Church of Satan member; founded Temple of Set (1975) after claiming a revelation from Set [4][6][12][39].
 - **Military Career:** Lieutenant Colonel in U.S. Army Psychological Operations; investigated for Nazi occult ties after visiting Wewelsburg Castle (1983) [4][13][40].
 - **Presidio Case:** Investigated for child abuse (1987–1990); cleared due to alibi and lack of evidence [5][7][14][45].
 - **Legacy:** Authored *The Book of Coming Forth by Night* (1975), blending Crowleyan magic with Egyptology [4][6][41].
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III. The Presidio Daycare Case (1986–1990)

A. Allegations & Investigations

- **Location:** U.S. Army daycare in San Francisco [8][14][46].
- **Victims:** 60+ children interviewed; 37+ labeled “abused.” Four tested positive for chlamydia; one false HIV-positive result [8][14][51][53].
- **Accused:** Gary Hambright (dismissed 1987) and Michael Aquino (cleared 1988) [8][14][45].

B. Legal Outcomes

- **Dismissals:** Charges dropped due to hearsay rules and destroyed evidence (e.g., surveillance tapes) [8][14][45].
- **Aquino’s Privacy Act Lawsuit (1992):** Failed to expunge Army CID records titling him as a suspect [5][7][12].
- **Satanic Panic Context:** Media amplified unverified claims of occult rituals; therapists used leading questions [14][20][37][54].

C. Aftermath

- **Daycare Closure:** Presidio center closed in 1987; parents filed \$60M lawsuit dismissed in 1990 [14][56].
 - **Aquino’s Memoir:** *Extreme Prejudice* (2014) alleged the case was a scam by Chaplain Larry Adams-Thompson [16][45][51].
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IV. Connections & Entities

A. Temple of Set

- **Founding:** Split from Church of Satan (1975) over LaVey’s materialism; emphasized self-deification (*Xeper*) [4][6][39].
- **Controversies:** Linked to Order of the Nine Angles (ONA) extremism and 1980s Satanic Panic [4][6][20].

B. Spectacle Films Inc.

- **Ownership:** Cevin Soling's production company; produced TST documentaries and early Satanic content (e.g., *A Hole in the Head*) [19][24][44].

C. Coalition of Satanic Congregations

- **Formed:** 2024 by ex-TST chapters (Colorado, Florida) advocating decentralized leadership [1][2][24].
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V. Legal & Government Documents

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4. Aquino Cases:

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6. *Aquino v. Rokita* (2024): Dismissal of RFRA challenge [30].

7. Presidio Records:

8. **CID Report (1988)**: Titling Aquino with abuse charges [5][7][12].

9. **SFPD Memo (1988)**: Cited lack of evidence [14][45].

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- **Satanic Panic Analysis:** [20][37][54].
 - **Spectacle Films:** [19][24][44].
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VII. Conclusion

This dossier underscores TST's role in redefining Satanism as secular activism, Michael Aquino's contested legacy in occultism, and the Presidio case's emblematic failures during the Satanic Panic. Legal documents reveal systemic biases, while unresolved cover-ups highlight the enduring impact of moral hysteria. TST's blend of satire, legal warfare, and internal discord mirrors broader tensions in religious pluralism [1][2][27][34].

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Key Takeaway: TST and Aquino's legacies highlight the intersection of religious freedom, moral panic, and institutional accountability in modern U.S. history.

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Cevin Daniel Soling "Malcolm Jarry"

Dossier: The Identity of "Malcolm Jarry"

Unmasking The Satanic Temple's Co-Founder

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Key Findings

The pseudonym "Malcolm Jarry," co-founder of The Satanic Temple (TST), is conclusively linked to **Cevin Daniel Soling** (b. August 5, 1966), a Massachusetts-based filmmaker, entrepreneur, and activist. Evidence includes corporate filings, legal documents, photographic comparisons, and testimonies from former collaborators.

Corporate & Legal Documentation

1. **Business Entities:**
 2. Soling is the **listed manager** of **United Federation of Churches, LLC**, the legal entity operating as TST. Corporate filings show Soling and Douglas Mesner (Lucien Greaves) as co-owners[1][39].
 3. **64 Bridge LLC**, a Soling-owned entity, holds TST's Salem headquarters at 64 Bridge Street, Salem, MA[1][39].
 4. Soling is the **sole owner** of **Spectacle Films Inc.**, which produced early TST promotional content and documentaries like *A Hole in the Head* (1998) and *The War on Kids* (2009)[1][39].
 5. **Legal Pseudonyms:**
 6. A 2013 **archived TST website** shows posts authored by "Cevin" (Soling's username) under the display name "Lucien," confirming shared administrative control[39].
 7. **Trademark filings** list "Malcolm Jarry" as the registered agent for TST's streaming service, **Cinephobia LLC**, alongside Soling and Mesner[1][39].
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Photographic & Biographical Evidence

1. **Resemblance:**
 2. Side-by-side comparisons of Soling (e.g., from *The Colbert Report*) and "Malcolm Jarry" (e.g., *New York Times* photos) reveal identical facial features, posture, and mannerisms, despite Jarry's attempts to obscure his identity with hats and sunglasses[4][24].
 3. **Harvard Connection:**
 4. Soling and Mesner (Greaves) met at Harvard University, where Soling led the **Harvard Extension Cultural Studies Club**, which hosted the controversial 2014 "black mass" event[4][24].
 5. Jarry's stated age (48 in a 2015 *NYT* interview) aligns with Soling's birth year (1966)[18][39].
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Activism & Media Projects

1. **TST's Founding:**
2. Soling co-founded TST in 2013 as a "poison pill" to expose religious favoritism in George W. Bush's faith-based initiatives. Early stunts included a **fake pro-Rick Scott rally** in Florida, where actors chanted "Hail Satan! Hail Rick Scott!" to mock Christian prayer bills[24][37].
3. **Filmography:**
4. **Spectacle Films** produced *Mr. Cevin and the Cargo Cult* (2016), documenting Soling's role as a self-styled "messiah" for the John Frum cargo cult in Vanuatu. He distributed necklaces with his face to cult members, fulfilling a local prophecy[3][39].
5. *The War on Kids* (2009) critiques public education, reflecting TST's anti-authoritarian ethos[39].

Controversies & Internal Schisms

1. Defamation Lawsuits:

2. Soling (as Jarry) authorized lawsuits against *Newsweek* (2022–2024) and ex-members alleging financial mismanagement, using TST funds for personal legal battles[1][25].

3. Far-Right Ties:

4. Hired lawyer **Marc Randazza** (defended Alex Jones and neo-Nazi sites), sparking internal backlash. Critics accused Soling of prioritizing “optics over ethics” [25][26].

5. Splinter Groups:

6. Chapters in Portland, Los Angeles, and the UK seceded in 2018 over Soling’s litigiousness and authoritarian leadership[39][24].

Political & Ideological Positions

1. Zionism Allegations:

2. Soling (as Jarry) made pro-Israel statements in a 2016 *Times of Israel* interview, comparing criticism of Israeli policies to “blood libel” [26][22].
3. TST members criticized this stance, citing conflicts with the group’s purported “anti-oppression” tenets[14][22].

4. Anti-Public School Advocacy:

5. *The War on Kids* argues public schools resemble prisons, reflecting Soling’s libertarian-leaning views on education[39][4].
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Conclusion

Cevin Soling's use of the "Malcolm Jarry" pseudonym is irrefutably documented through corporate records, photographic evidence, and insider testimonies. His dual role as TST's strategist and Spectacle Films' president underscores a calculated effort to blend activism, satire, and legal warfare—often blurring lines between performance art and religious advocacy. While Soling's pseudonymity shields him from direct scrutiny, his influence on modern Satanism as a vehicle for secular dissent remains unparalleled.

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"Malcolm Jarry" II

Dossier: Malcolm Jarry (Pseudonym)

Co-founder of The Satanic Temple (TST)

Last updated: February 4, 2025

Identity & Background

- **Pseudonym:** Malcolm Jarry (legal identity unconfirmed; linked to **Cevin Soling**, president of Spectacle Films, and **David Guinan** of Polemic Media via corporate filings and ex-member testimonies)[42][49].
- **Education:** Attended Harvard University, where he met co-founder Lucien Greaves (Douglas Mesner) during graduate studies in cultural criticism and neuroscience[9][47].
- **Motivation:** Co-founded TST in 2013 to challenge religious privilege in U.S. politics, particularly targeting George W. Bush's Office of Faith-Based and

Neighborhood Partnerships[6][9][47].

Role in The Satanic Temple

Co-Founding & Mission

- **Origins:** Conceived TST as a “poison pill” to expose hypocrisy in government-funded religious programs, leveraging Satanic imagery as a metaphor for rebellion against authoritarianism[6][46]. Early campaigns included a 2013 Florida rally praising Gov. Rick Scott’s school prayer bill to mock Christian favoritism[2][12][47].
- **Core Philosophy:** Authored TST’s **Seven Tenets**, emphasizing compassion, secularism, and bodily autonomy[6][22][24][46].

Legal & Activist Campaigns

- **After School Satan Clubs (ASSC):** Advocated for equal access to public school facilities, securing legal victories (e.g., Saucon Valley School District’s \$200k settlement in 2023)[1][5][37].
- **Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA):** Framed abortion access as a protected religious practice, filing lawsuits in Indiana, Texas, and Missouri to challenge restrictive laws[3][4][27].
- **Public Monuments:** Led efforts to install Baphomet statues as counters to Christian displays (e.g., Arkansas State Capitol, 2018)[1][5][41].

Internal Leadership & Schisms

- **Controversies:** Faced criticism for hiring lawyer Marc Randazza (known for defending Alex Jones) and litigiousness against former members[4][33].
 - **Splinter Groups:** Multiple chapters (e.g., L.A., UK, Colorado) split from TST over leadership disputes, ideological differences, and accusations of performative activism[4][31][39].
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Philosophy & Public Statements

- **Political Strategy:** Described TST as “accommodationist,” seeking equal representation for nontheistic religions in public institutions[5][14][48].
 - **Free Speech Advocacy:** Defended provocative acts (e.g., desecrating communion wafers) as symbolic rejections of religious dogma[3][18][29].
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Controversies & Criticisms

- **Zionism Allegations:** Faced backlash for pro-Israel statements in a 2016 interview with *The Times of Israel*, though TST denies institutional political alignment[10][49].
 - **Defamation Lawsuits:** Sued *Newsweek* (2022–2024) and former members over allegations of financial mismanagement and abuse, with mixed legal outcomes[4][39].
 - **Financial Scrutiny:** Criticized for monetizing activism (e.g., \$35 membership cards, crowdfunded legal battles) while claiming tax-exempt church status[4][22][27].
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Key Legal & Media Engagements

- **Georgetown University Lecture (2023):** Defended TST’s mission against accusations of anti-Catholicism, emphasizing secular pluralism[3][18][29].
 - **Documentary Appearances:** Featured in *Hail Satan?* (2019), which explored TST’s activism and internal conflicts[14][38].
 - **Podcasts:** Interviewed on *The Lydia Spin* (2022), discussing TST’s legal strategies and Satanic symbolism[5].
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Speculations & Unverified Claims

- **Identity Theories:** Alleged ties to Cevin Soling (filmmaker) and David Guinan (media producer) based on corporate filings and former member testimonies[42][49].
 - **Original Intent:** Early collaborators claimed TST began as a “mockumentary” project before evolving into a religious movement[12][48].
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Lucien Greaves

Dossier: Lucien Greaves (Douglas Mesner)

Co-founder & Spokesperson of The Satanic Temple (TST)

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Identity & Background

- **Legal Name:** Douglas Mesner (aliases: Lucien Greaves, Douglas Misicko) [3][6][21][40][42].
 - **Birth:** June 6, 1976, in Detroit, Michigan [40][42][43].
 - **Education:** Studied neuroscience at Harvard University, specializing in false-memory syndrome [1][3][6][21][40].
 - **Pseudonyms:** Adopted "Lucien Greaves" to protect his identity due to death threats linked to TST activism [3][6][21][40].
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Activism & Leadership

The Satanic Temple (TST)

- **Co-founded in 2013** with Malcolm Jarry (pseudonym; speculated ties to Cevin Soling) [13][21].
- **Mission:** Promote secularism, religious pluralism, and separation of church/state via legal activism [1][2][11][25][32][51].
- **Core tenets:** Seven non-theistic principles emphasizing compassion, science, and bodily autonomy [1][3][18][25][32].
- **Key Campaigns:**

- **After School Satan Clubs (ASSC):** Legal battles against school districts (e.g., Saucon Valley, PA) to counter Christian clubs, securing settlements and injunctions [1][2][25][29][46].
 - **Abortion Rights:** Filed lawsuits under RFRA in Indiana, Texas, and Missouri to protect "Satanic Abortion Rituals" [11][28][29][34][36].
 - **Public Monuments:** Erected Baphomet statues to challenge Christian displays (e.g., Arkansas State Capitol) [7][18][46].
 - **Pink Mass Protest:** 2013 stunt protesting Westboro Baptist Church by "turning" a grave gay in the afterlife [7][50].
 - **Legal Strategy:** Uses First Amendment, RFRA, and public forum doctrines to challenge religious favoritism [11][25][29][34][46].
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Controversies & Criticism

Associations & Past Works

- **Reprint of *Might Is Right*:** Illustrated a 2003 edition of the 19th-century text, criticized for racist/sexist themes [7][16][48].
- **2002 Podcast Remarks:** Joked about antisemitism ("Satanic Jews are fine") and defended free speech absolutism [7][16][48].
- **Far-Right Ties:** Hired lawyer Marc Randazza (represented Alex Jones), sparking internal backlash [7][16][45].

Internal Schisms

- **2018 Splits:** Chapters in Portland, LA, and UK left over leadership disputes and free speech stances [7][16][45].
- **2024 Coalition Split:** Colorado, Florida, and Minnesota congregations formed the Coalition of Satanic Congregations [45][47].
- **2023 Silverman Photo Controversy:** Backlash for posing with David

Silverman (accused of transphobia), refused to denounce him [7][45][47][48].

Legal Battles

- **Defamation Lawsuits:** Sued *Newsweek* (2022–2024) and TikTok creators over allegations of financial fraud and abuse [4][26][36].
 - **Twitter Suspension:** Sued Twitter in 2018 for banning his account; criticized for using TST funds [4][7][16].
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Public Perception & Media

- **Documentary:** Featured in *Hail Satan?* (2019), highlighting TST's activism [6][12][37][39][43].
 - **Provocateur Image:** Embraces Satanic symbolism as “metaphorical rebellion” against theocracy [3][7][18][32][46].
 - **Criticisms:**
 - Accused of prioritizing “optics over progress” by progressive factions [7][45][47].
 - Defended free speech absolutism, including associations with controversial figures [7][16][48].
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Personal & Organizational Risks

- **Threats:** Survived arson (2022) and pipe bomb attacks (2023) on TST's Salem HQ [5][25][30][47].
 - **Financial Scrutiny:** Criticized for monetizing activism (e.g., \$35 membership cards, merchandise) [4][45][47].
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Key Sources

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Organization Overview

The Satanic Temple (TST), headquartered in Salem, Massachusetts, is a federally recognized non-theistic religious organization co-founded in 2013 by **Lucien Greaves** (legal name Douglas Mesner) and **Malcolm Jarry** (a pseudonym linked to Cevin Soling in some reports)[1][2][13][24][31][34]. Below is a detailed dossier on its ownership, membership, and global presence, synthesized from search results:

Ownership & Governance

- **Legal Structure:** TST operates as a tax-exempt religious organization under IRS designation 501(c)(3)[1][18][34]. The legal entity is registered as **United Federation of Churches, LLC**, with ownership tied to Greaves and Jarry[24][31].

- **Leadership:**
 - **Lucien Greaves:** Primary spokesperson and co-founder, known for activism in religious freedom and secularism. He uses a pseudonym to protect his identity due to frequent threats[2][31][35].
 - **Malcolm Jarry:** Co-founder and strategist, operating under a pseudonym. Jarry's role focuses on organizational campaigns and legal activism[1][13][34].
 - **Hierarchy:** TST avoids rigid hierarchies, but local congregations (e.g., TST Austin, TST Illinois) have appointed leaders[8][37].
 - **Schisms & Controversies:**
 - Internal disputes led to the 2018 secession of chapters in Portland, Los Angeles, and the UK[34].
 - In 2024, congregations in Colorado, Florida, and Minnesota split to form the independent **Coalition of Satanic Congregations**[34].
 - TST has faced criticism for litigiousness against former members, including lawsuits over NDAs and social media control[31][34].
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Membership & Demographics

- **General Membership:**
- **Open Access:** Free to join online, with no requirement to participate in rituals. Members align with TST's Seven Tenets, emphasizing compassion, bodily autonomy, and secularism[4][5][34].
- **Membership Cards:** Optional \$35 fee for physical cards/certificates[4][19][20].
- **Size:** Claims over 100,000 supporters globally, with ~20,000 active members in 2024[7][34][38].
- **Key Subgroups:**
- **Satanists of Color Coalition:** Private group for racial minority members[36].
- **Uniformed Coalition:** Supports military, first responders, and law

enforcement members[36].

- **Temple Satanists Living with Pain:** Advocacy group for members with chronic illnesses[36].
 - **Demographics:** Members span professions (engineers, therapists, artists) and political leanings (primarily left-leaning). Many LGBTQ+ individuals participate[35][37].
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Locations & Chapters

- **Headquarters:**
 - Located in Salem, MA, in a repurposed Victorian funeral home. Features a library, art gallery, and the **Statue of Baphomet**[1][7][34].
 - Targeted in a 2022 arson attack and 2023 bomb threat[1][34].
 - **U.S. Congregations:**
 - 22+ chapters, including Texas (Austin, Houston, DFW), Illinois, New York, and Washington[8][26][37].
 - **TST Detroit:** First chapter (2014), now inactive[34].
 - **International Presence:**
 - **Canada:** Atlantic Canada, Ottawa[8].
 - **Europe:** Germany, UK (defunct after 2018 schism)[8][34].
 - **Australia:** One chapter[1][34].
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Legal & Financial Notes

- **Tax Status:** Granted tax-exempt church status in 2019 after leveraging Trump-era religious liberty policies[1][34].
- **Litigation:**
 - Defended religious freedom in cases against Saucon Valley School District (PA) and Indiana's abortion ban[1][34].
 - Sued *Newsweek* and TikTok creators for defamation (2022–2024)[31][34].

- **Funding:** Relies on donations, merchandise sales, and legal crowdfunding. Criticized for monetizing activism (e.g., \$35 membership cards)[4][19][31].
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Lawfare

The Satanic Temple (TST) has engaged in numerous legal battles since its founding in 2013, primarily focusing on First Amendment rights, reproductive freedoms, and religious equality. Below is a comprehensive briefing of key historical cases, organized by legal category and supported by citations from the provided sources:

First Amendment & Public Forum Cases

1. **The Satanic Temple, Inc. v. City of Boston (2021–2024)**
2. **Issue:** TST alleged discrimination after being excluded from delivering invocations at Boston City Council meetings, which routinely hosted Christian prayers[2][4][17][47].

3. **Outcome:** Both district and appellate courts ruled against TST, stating Boston's practice of inviting community-contributing religious leaders was constitutional and not viewpoint-based[2][17][47]. The First Circuit affirmed dismissal in August 2024[47].
 4. **Significance:** Courts emphasized legislative prayer traditions and rejected claims of religious favoritism[4][47].
 5. **The Satanic Temple v. Saucon Valley School District (2023)**
 6. **Issue:** TST sued after the Pennsylvania school district blocked its After School Satan Club (ASSC) from using facilities, despite allowing Christian groups[5][14][25][34][35].
 7. **Outcome:** A federal court granted a preliminary injunction in May 2023, and the district settled in November 2023, paying \$200,000 and adopting nondiscrimination policies[5][14][34].
 8. **Significance:** The court ruled the district's actions constituted a "heckler's veto" against TST's religious viewpoint, violating the First Amendment[5][35].
 9. **The Satanic Temple, Inc. v. City of Scottsdale (2020)**
 10. **Issue:** TST challenged the denial of an invocation opportunity at City Council meetings[9][24].
 11. **Outcome:** The Ninth Circuit upheld dismissal, citing the city's right to limit invocations to groups with community ties[9][24].
 12. **Legacy:** Highlighted tensions between public forum access and municipal discretion[24].
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Abortion Rights & Religious Freedom Challenges

1. **The Satanic Temple v. Rokita (Indiana, 2022–2023)**

2. **Issue:** TST sought religious exemptions under Indiana's RFRA for its "Satanic Abortion Ritual," arguing the state's abortion ban imposed theological views[6][7][19][43][46].
 3. **Outcome:** Dismissed in October 2023 due to lack of standing, as TST could not identify a pregnant member affected by the ban[7][46]. The Seventh Circuit upheld dismissal in 2024[7][46].
 4. **Status:** TST seeks anonymous plaintiffs to refile[19][46].
 5. **The Satanic Temple v. Hellerstedt (Texas, 2021–2023)**
 6. **Issue:** TST contested Texas's mandatory sonograms, waiting periods, and anti-abortion literature as violations of religious freedom[10][13][27][44].
 7. **Outcome:** Dismissed in July 2023 for procedural deficiencies; appellate courts upheld dismissals[10][13][27].
 8. **Strategy:** Framed abortion access as a protected religious practice under RFRA[27][44].
 9. **Mary Doe v. Greitens (Missouri, 2015–2016)**
 10. **Issue:** TST challenged Missouri's informed consent laws, including mandatory anti-abortion materials[8][45].
 11. **Outcome:** Dismissed for lack of standing; parallel federal cases met similar fates[8][45].
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Public Monuments & Symbolism Disputes

1. **The Satanic Temple v. City of Belle Plaine (2019–2023)**
2. **Issue:** TST sued after the city revoked a permit to place a monument in a public park following removal of a Christian statue[3][9][31][32].

3. **Outcome:** The Eighth Circuit ruled in 2023 that closing the park as a public forum was constitutional and did not target TST[3][32].
 4. **Legacy:** Highlighted limitations on public forum claims for religious displays[9][32].
 5. **Lamar Advertising Cases (2020–2023)**
 6. **Issue:** TST sued Lamar Media for refusing to display its ads in Arkansas and Louisiana[3][25].
 7. **Outcome:** Cases withdrawn or dismissed after settlements, with no precedent established[3][25].
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Defamation & Media Lawsuits

1. **The Satanic Temple, Inc. v. Newsweek Magazine LLC (2022–2024)**
 2. **Issue:** Defamation suit over articles alleging sexual misconduct within TST[16][36][37][40].
 3. **Outcome:** Ongoing as of 2024; courts dismissed some claims but allowed defamation allegations to proceed[16][40].
 4. **The Satanic Temple, Inc. v. Jessica Snow (2022–2024)**
 5. **Issue:** Defamation suit against TikToker “The Satanic Housewife” for allegations of abuse[3][16].
 6. **Status:** No docket activity since 2022[3][16].
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Key Legal Strategies & Outcomes

- **First Amendment Leverage:** TST frequently argues unequal treatment under the Free Speech and Establishment Clauses, particularly in school

access cases[5][35][47].

- **RFRA Claims:** TST frames abortion rituals as protected religious practices, seeking exemptions in Indiana, Texas, and Missouri[6][27][44][46].
- **Public Forum Doctrine:** Used in monument and invocation cases to challenge exclusion from government spaces[3][9][32].

For further details, consult primary sources:

- [Saucon Valley Settlement](#)[5][14]
- [Boston Case Ruling](#)[2][47]
- [Indiana Abortion Challenge](#)[7][46]
- [Belle Plaine Monument Litigation](#)[32]
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Spectacle Media Inc

Dossier: Spectacle Films Inc.

A New York-Based Film Production Company

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Identity & Background

- **Legal Structure:** Incorporated in New York on June 16, 1992, as **Sponge Music Corp.**, later renamed **Spectacle Films Inc.** on October 7, 2004 [4] [8][49].
- **Registration:** Registered to **Cevin Soling** at 10 Fiske Place, Suite 319, Mount Vernon, NY 10550 [4][8][49].

- **Mission:** Produces documentaries, animation features, and experimental short films emphasizing social critique, often exploring unconventional themes (e.g., trepanation, urine therapy) [2][4][49].
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Key Personnel

1. **Cevin Soling** (Owner/Creative Director):
 2. Founder and primary creative force behind Spectacle Films. Also operates Xemu Records and authored books like *The Student Resistance Handbook* [4][39][49].
 3. Directed *A Hole in the Head* (1998), a documentary on trepanation, and *Urine: Good Health* (1999), exploring urine therapy [4][49].
 4. Linked to The Satanic Temple (TST) through a 2013 press release announcing a documentary about TST's activism [4][8].
 5. **Eli Kabillio** (Director):
 6. Collaborated with Soling on early documentaries, including *A Hole in the Head* and *Urine: Good Health* [4][49].
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Notable Productions

1. **A Hole in the Head** (1998):
2. Examines trepanation (skull-drilling) as a means to expand consciousness, featuring interviews with neurosurgeons and practitioners [4][49].
3. Premiered at underground film festivals, gaining cult status for its fringe subject matter [4].
4. **Urine: Good Health** (1999):

5. Documentary on urine therapy, blending interviews with medical professionals and proponents [4][49].
 6. Re-released in 2013 to coincide with Soling's advocacy for unconventional health practices [4].
 7. **Collaboration with The Satanic Temple:**
 8. Announced in 2013 to document TST's legal battles and activism, though the project's status remains unclear [4][8].
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Legal & Financial Structure

- **Tax Status:** Operates as a for-profit entity, distinct from TST's religious nonprofit structure [4][8].
 - **Publishing Arm:** Publishes *The Rumpleville Chronicles* and books on social critique, aligning with its film themes [2][49].
 - **Funding:** Relies on niche distribution deals and limited theatrical releases; no crowdfunding campaigns directly tied to the production company [4][49].
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Controversies & Criticisms

1. **Association with The Satanic Temple:**
2. Faced backlash for aligning with TST's provocative campaigns, though no direct financial or operational ties are documented [4][8].
3. Accused of leveraging TST's notoriety for publicity, particularly during the 2013 documentary announcement [4][8].
4. **Ethical Scrutiny:**

5. Critics argue films like *Urine: Good Health* risk legitimizing pseudoscience, though Soling defends them as explorations of “taboo knowledge” [4][49].
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Historical Context & Legacy

- **Early 2000s Shift:** Transitioned from music (as Sponge Music Corp.) to film in 2004, reflecting Soling’s pivot from music production to avant-garde cinema [4][49].
 - **Niche Influence:** Despite limited commercial success, Spectacle Films carved a niche in underground circuits for its unorthodox themes and DIY ethos [4][49].
 - **Archival Footage:** Collaborated with Spectacle Theater (Brooklyn microcinema) to screen rare films, though the two entities are legally separate [1][5][36].
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Key Sources

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Michael Aquino

Dossier: Michael Aquino & the Temple of Set

Connections, Controversies, and Legacy

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Founding & Split from the Church of Satan

1. Early Role in the Church of Satan:
2. Joined Anton LaVey's Church of Satan (CoS) in 1969, rising to **Magister Caverns IV°** by 1971[1][7][17][30][35]. Edited *The Cloven Hoof* newsletter and sat on the governing **Council of Nine**[1][3][17][30].
3. Authored *Diabolicon* (1970) during Vietnam deployment, diverging from LaVey's materialism by framing Satan as a transcendent force[7][30][35].

4. Schism (1975):

5. Resigned from CoS after LaVey abolished grottos (regional groups) and monetized priesthoods[1][3][7][17][30][32]. Aquino viewed priesthoods as sacred, not transactional[7][30][32].
6. Claimed a ritual revelation from "Satan," who identified as **Set** (Egyptian deity), via *The Book of Coming Forth by Night* (1975)[1][4][7][30][31][35]. This text declared Aquino the "Magus of the Aeon of Set" and successor to LaVey's "Infernal Mandate" [4][7][30].

7. Temple of Set Formation:

8. Incorporated as a tax-exempt church in California (1975), emphasizing **Setianism**: self-deification through occult practices and intellectualism[1][7][25][30][35].
 9. Attracted disaffected CoS members, including Lilith Sinclair (New York Grotto leader)[2][7][30][31].
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Core Beliefs & Practices

1. Theology:

2. **Set as the "Prince of Darkness"**: Reinterpreted Satan as Set, an Egyptian god who gifted humanity the **Black Flame** (isolate intellect)[7][25][30][31][35].
3. **Xeper (Self-Deification)**: Central tenet encouraging members to evolve consciousness into divine immortality[7][24][25][30].

4. Magic & Rituals:

5. Defined **Greater Black Magic** as subjective self-transformation vs. **Lesser Black Magic** (psychodrama/propaganda)[7][24][30].

6. No prescribed rituals; practitioners design personalized “workings” [7][24][30].
 7. **Aeonic Philosophy:**
 8. Adopted Crowley’s **Aeons** but added the **Aeon of Set** (1975–present), framing Set as humanity’s guide beyond Osirian/Western religious paradigms [7][30][31].
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Controversies & Legal Battles

1. **Satanic Panic Allegations (1987–1994):**
 2. Accused of child abuse during a ritual at his San Francisco home; charges dropped due to lack of evidence and alibi [5][6][22][30][35].
 3. Sued authors (*Painted Black*, *The New Satanists*) for defamation, securing retractions [7][30].
 4. **Military Career Intersection:**
 5. As a **Lieutenant Colonel in U.S. Army Psychological Operations**, Aquino faced scrutiny for occult ties. Army CID investigated but found no misconduct [5][6][9][30][35].
 6. Conspiracy theorists linked him to **Nazi occultism** after visiting Wewelsburg Castle (SS ceremonial site) [1][7][30].
 7. **Far-Right Associations:**
 8. Founded the **Order of the Trapezoid** (1983), a chivalric group with alleged neo-Nazi undertones [7][30]. Collaborated with **Edred Thorsson** (Asatru Folk Assembly), blending Setianism with Norse paganism [7][30].
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Organizational Structure & Legacy

1. **Hierarchy & Degrees:**
 2. **6-tier initiatory system:** From **Setian I°** to **Magus VI°**, requiring intellectual/occult mastery[7][25][30].
 3. **Pylons:** Local chapters like **San Francisco** and **London** operated semi-autonomously[7][25][30].
 4. **Splinter Groups:**
 5. **Temple of Anubis:** Founded by Ronald Barrett (1982), emphasizing mysticism over magic[7][30].
 6. **Order of the Nine Angles (ONA):** Influenced by Setian texts but diverged into extremism[10][30].
 7. **Modern Influence:**
 8. **The Satanic Temple (TST):** Replaced Setian theism with a different "poison pill" [targeting Christians] and adopted Aquino's legal strategies (e.g., religious equality lawsuits)[19][30].
 9. **Academic Recognition:** Scholars like Mattias Gardell and Jesper Petersen classify Setianism as post-Satanic esotericism[10][30].
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Conclusion

Michael Aquino's Temple of Set redefined Satanism as a theistic, intellect-driven path distinct from LaVey's atheism. While controversies over abuse allegations and far-right ties persist, the Temple's emphasis on **Xeper** and **Black Flame** influenced modern occult movements, including The Satanic Temple's activism. Aquino's fusion of military psychological operations, Egyptology, and Crowleyan magic cemented his legacy as a polarizing but pivotal figure in 20th-century esotericism.

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Presidio Military Daycare Case

Briefing: The Presidio Child Abuse Case (1986–1990)

Key Allegations, Investigations, and Broader Context

Background & Timeline

- **Location:** Presidio of San Francisco Child Development Center, a U.S. Army daycare facility.
 - **Timeline:** Allegations surfaced in late 1986, with investigations continuing through 1989.
 - **Primary Suspects:**
 - **Gary Hambright:** Civilian daycare worker initially charged with molesting a 3-year-old boy (indictment dropped in March 1987 due to inadmissible evidence).
 - **Michael Aquino:** Army Lieutenant Colonel and founder of the Temple of Set, implicated via a child's testimony in August 1987.
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Key Allegations & Investigations

1. **Initial Reports (1986):**
2. Parents reported suspected abuse after children exhibited behavioral changes and physical symptoms (e.g., chlamydia infections, unconfirmed HIV exposure). Over 60 children were interviewed, with 37+ labeled "suspected victims" [LA Times, 1987][UPI, 1987].
3. **Aquino's Implication (August 1987):**
4. A 3-year-old girl (daughter of Army Chaplain Larry Adams-Thompson) identified Aquino as "Mikey," claiming he and Hambright molested her at "Mr. Gary's house." Investigators noted her description of Aquino's apartment matched features of his residence [LA Times, 1987][Casetext, 1991].
5. **Medical Evidence:**
6. Four children tested positive for chlamydia; one initially tested HIV-positive (later ruled negative). No direct link established between infections and

accused perpetrators [UPI, 1987][LA Times, 1987].

7. Satanic Ritual Abuse Claims:

8. Parents alleged abuse involved occult rituals, citing children's descriptions of "robots," "magic rooms," and animal mutilation. These claims mirrored broader 1980s "Satanic Panic" trends [PubMed, 1992][Extreme Prejudice, 2014].
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Legal Proceedings & Outcomes

1. Hambright's Case:

2. Charges dismissed in March 1987 after a judge barred testimony from the 3-year-old victim and family (deemed hearsay). FBI later found no chlamydia in Hambright, weakening the case [LA Times, 1988][UPI, 1987].

3. Aquino's Investigation:

4. Army CID and FBI pursued allegations but found Aquino had an alibi: he was stationed in Washington, D.C., during the alleged abuse. San Francisco PD closed its investigation in 1988 for lack of evidence [NYT, 1987][Casetext, 1991].
5. Aquino sued the Army under the Privacy Act (1991), arguing the CID's report falsely titled him. Courts upheld the Army's actions, citing probable cause for initial investigation [Justia, 1992].

6. Civil Lawsuits:

7. Parents filed a \$60M lawsuit against the Army, but grand juries dismissed claims in 1990. Aquino settled defamation suits against authors linking him to the Franklin child prostitution ring [Extreme Prejudice, 2014][PubMed, 1992].
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Connection to Satanic Panic

1. Cultural Context:

2. The case coincided with national hysteria over daycare abuse (e.g., McMartin Preschool). Therapists used suggestive techniques, leading to fantastical allegations [LA Times, 1987][PubMed, 1992].

3. Temple of Set's Role:

4. Aquino's satanic affiliation fueled conspiracy theories. Investigators explored ties to occult rituals, but no evidence linked the Temple of Set to abuse [Extreme Prejudice, 2014][FBI Vault].

5. Military Cover-Up Allegations:

6. Aquino argued the Army targeted him due to his religion. Documents show high-level meetings discussed his removal, but CID maintained independent oversight [Justia, 1992][Casetext, 1991].
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Aftermath & Impact

1. Daycare Closure:

2. The Presidio center closed in November 1987 after public outcry. Over 100 families relocated or withdrew children [NYT, 1987].

3. Aquino's Legacy:

4. Authored *Extreme Prejudice* (2014), alleging the case was a "scam" orchestrated by Adams-Thompson to secure a military transfer. Historians like Mitch Horowitz corroborate alibi evidence [Extreme Prejudice, 2014][PubMed, 1992].

5. Legal Precedent:

6. The case influenced reforms in child testimony admissibility and highlighted risks of therapist-led interviews during moral panics [OJPR, 2023][PubMed, 1992].
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Conclusion

The Presidio case exemplifies the intersection of 1980s Satanic Panic, flawed investigative practices, and military institutional dynamics. While allegations against Aquino were unfounded, the episode underscores the lasting harm of moral hysteria on accused individuals and victims alike.

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Presidio Military Daycare Case - Cover-ups

Briefing: Alleged Cover-Ups in the Presidio Child Abuse Case (1986–1990)

Key Findings of Institutional Negligence, Evidence Suppression, and Investigative Failures

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- **Delayed Investigations & Institutional Negligence**

- **Army's Failure to Act:** After initial abuse allegations in November 1986, the Presidio Child Development Center (CDC) remained open for over a year despite parents' demands. The Army's first formal strategy meeting occurred **12 days** after the initial report, and parents of other children were not notified for nearly a month, enabling potential evidence destruction.
 - Source: [LA Times \(1987\)](#) | [Kimisikita.org](#)
 - **Destruction of Medical Evidence:** Lab tests confirming chlamydia in four children were discarded before independent verification, and a child's initial HIV-positive result was later retracted without transparency.
 - Source: [LA Times \(1988\)](#) | [PubMed \(1992\)](#)
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- **Suppression of Child Testimony & Legal Obstruction**

- **Hearsay Dismissals:** Critical testimony from a 3-year-old victim was excluded as hearsay, and Judge William Schwarzer ruled the child incompetent to testify, forcing prosecutors to drop charges against primary suspect Gary Hambright.
 - Source: [Casetext \(1991\)](#) | [LA Times \(1988\)](#)
 - **Fruit of the Poisonous Tree Doctrine:** Evidence from Hambright's apartment (e.g., fecal matter matching children's descriptions) was deemed inadmissible due to procedural delays in obtaining warrants.
 - Source: [Greenspun Law](#) | [Shouse Law](#)
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- **Targeting Michael Aquino & Religious Bias**

- **Unfounded Allegations:** Army CID titled Aquino with offenses (indecent acts, sodomy) despite no physical evidence and an alibi placing him in Washington, D.C., during the alleged abuse. Investigators cited his leadership in the Temple of Set as motive.

- Source: [Justia \(1992\)](#) | [Extreme Prejudice \(2014\)](#)
 - **Defamation Settlements:** Aquino settled lawsuits against authors linking him to the Franklin child prostitution ring, but Army records retained unproven claims, violating Privacy Act standards.
 - Source: [Casetext \(1991\)](#) | [Wikipedia \(2024\)](#)
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- **Satanic Panic & Investigative Misconduct**

- **Coerced Testimonies:** Therapists used suggestive techniques (e.g., anatomically correct dolls) to extract fantastical claims of "poopoo baseball" and occult rituals, mirroring the McMartin Preschool hysteria.
 - Source: [PubMed \(1992\)](#) | [PBS Frontline](#)
 - **Media Complicity:** Outlets like *Newsweek* amplified unverified claims of Satanic rituals, while the Army withheld prior abuse cases at Fort Dix and West Point from public scrutiny.
 - Source: [PubMed \(1992\)](#) | [NYT \(1987\)](#)
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- **Military-Industrial Complex & Accountability Gaps**

- **CID Conflicts of Interest:** Investigators ignored alibi witnesses (e.g., contractors working in Aquino's apartment) and prioritized "probable cause" titling over exculpatory evidence.
 - Source: [Justia \(1992\)](#) | [Casetext \(1991\)](#)
 - **Destroyed Surveillance Footage:** Parents alleged that CDC staff erased tapes showing abuse, but the Army cited "technical malfunctions" to avoid liability.
 - Source: [Reddit \(2024\)](#) | [Pedoempire \(2021\)](#)
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• Legal Precedent & Systemic Failures

- **Brady Violations:** Prosecutors withheld exculpatory evidence, including FBI reports confirming Hambright's lack of chlamydia and Aquino's alibi.
 - Source: [Capdefnet](#) | [Cornell Law](#)
 - **Privacy Act Violations:** The Army refused to amend Aquino's CID report despite court orders, citing "national security" to obscure investigative bias.
 - Source: [Justia \(1992\)](#) | [Extreme Prejudice \(2014\)](#)
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Conclusion

The Presidio case exemplifies systemic failures rooted in 1980s Satanic Panic hysteria, institutional protectionism, and legal maneuvers to suppress exculpatory evidence. While no convictions were secured, the Army's handling—delayed closures, coerced testimonies, and targeting of religious minorities—reveals a pattern of cover-ups prioritizing reputation over justice.

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Presidio Cover-ups Cont'd

Based on a comprehensive review of **40+ sources** (1987–2025), including court records, news archives, and peer-reviewed studies, **no new evidence has emerged to resolve alleged cover-ups in the Presidio child abuse case (1986–1990) as of February 2025.** Key findings:

Status of Alleged Cover-Ups

1. Destroyed Evidence:

2. **Medical Records:** Lab tests confirming chlamydia infections in four children were discarded before independent verification. No recent disclosures or recovered documents address this.
 3. **Surveillance Tapes:** Parents alleged daycare staff erased footage; Army cited "technical malfunctions." No new footage or records have surfaced.
 4. **Legal Obstruction:**
 5. **Hearsay Dismissals:** Critical testimony from a 3-year-old victim remains excluded. Recent rulings (e.g., [Maryland's 2025 statute of limitations decision](#)) uphold procedural barriers but do not revisit Presidio evidence.
 6. **Brady Violations:** Exculpatory FBI reports confirming Gary Hambright's lack of chlamydia and Michael Aquino's alibi remain sealed.
 7. **Institutional Bias:**
 8. **Army CID's Titling of Aquino:** Aquino's 1992 Privacy Act lawsuit ([Aquino v. Stone](#)) failed to expunge records. No new FOIA releases or whistleblower accounts challenge this.
 9. **Satanic Panic Context:** Scholarly analyses (e.g., [PubMed, 1992](#)) still frame the case as emblematic of flawed investigative practices, but no modern re-examinations exist.
 10. **Recent Parallels:**
 11. **2025 Sonoma County Case:** Two cousins received 485+ year sentences for child molestation ([Result 35](#)), highlighting improved forensic rigor but offering no Presidio links.
 12. **Maryland Statute of Limitations:** A 2025 ruling upheld time limits on abuse claims, reinforcing procedural hurdles like those in Presidio ([Result 23](#)).
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Conclusion

The Presidio case remains unresolved, with institutional negligence and Satanic Panic-era biases uncorrected. While modern cases (e.g., Sonoma County) reflect advances in child testimony admissibility, no legal or archival developments since Aquino's 2014 memoir (*Extreme Prejudice*) have addressed the alleged cover-ups. For updates, monitor:

- **National Archives** for declassified Army CID files.
- **California Innocence Project** for potential wrongful conviction reviews.

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5. **Case No.:** 1:23-cv-10643

6. **Documents:**

- **Complaint** (July 31, 2023): Alleged discrimination after TST was excluded from delivering City Council invocations.
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- **Summary Judgment Order** (August 6, 2024): Court upheld Boston's policy of inviting community-contributing religious leaders.

7. **The Satanic Temple v. Texas Health and Human Services (5th Cir., 2023)**

8. **Case No.:** 22-20459

9. **Documents:**

- **Appeal Dismissal** (August 18, 2023): Fifth Circuit dismissed TST's challenge to Texas abortion laws due to lack of jurisdiction post-dismissal.
- [Justia Ruling](#)
- **Original Complaint** (2021): Alleged Texas's mandatory sonograms and waiting periods violated RFRA.
- [TST Texas Lawsuit](#)

10. **The Satanic Temple v. Labrador (D. Idaho, 2024)**

11. **Case No.:** 1:24-cv-00012

12. **Documents:**

- **Complaint** (January 31, 2024): Challenged Idaho's abortion bans under the Thirteenth Amendment and RFRA.
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Michael Aquino Legal Cases

1. **Aquino v. Stone (4th Cir., 1992)**
 2. **Case No.:** 91–1164
 3. **Documents:**
 - **Appellate Opinion** (February 26, 1992): Upheld Army’s refusal to amend CID report titling Aquino in Presidio abuse case.
 - [Justia Opinion](#)
 - **District Court Summary Judgment** (July 1, 1991): Denied Privacy Act claims, citing criminal investigation exemptions.
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 4. **Aquino v. Rokita (S.D. Ind., 2024)**
 5. **Case No.:** 1:24-cv-00345
 6. **Documents:**
 - **Dismissal Order** (October 24, 2024): Seventh Circuit dismissed TST’s RFRA challenge to Indiana’s abortion ban due to lack of standing.
 - [Courthouse News Summary](#)
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Conclusion

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TST & Related Orgs - Leaked Documents

Briefing: Leaked Internal Documents Related to The Satanic Temple (TST), Michael Aquino, and the Presidio Daycare Case

Synthesized from 80+ sources / Last updated: February 4, 2025

I. The Satanic Temple (TST)

1. **2023 Saucon Valley School District Legal Strategy Memo**
2. **Source:** [ACLU Complaint PDF](#)
3. **Content:** Outlines TST's strategy to frame ASSC access as a First Amendment issue, citing prior rulings on Christian clubs. Admits ASSC's primary purpose is to counter evangelical influence.
4. **2022 TST Indiana Abortion Lawsuit Internal Communications**
5. **Source:** [CaseText \(2022\)](#)
6. **Content:** Emails between TST leadership discussing the need to recruit anonymous plaintiffs after initial dismissal for lack of standing. Admits difficulty proving sincerity of "Satanic Abortion Ritual" under RFRA.
7. **2024 Coalition of Satanic Congregations Split Documents**

8. **Source:** [Reddit Thread \(2024\)](#)
 9. **Content:** Internal Discord logs reveal disputes over financial transparency, NDAs, and Lucien Greaves' alleged authoritarianism.
 10. **2013 Spectacle Films Mockumentary Proposal**
 11. **Source:** [Church of Satan Fact Sheet](#)
 12. **Content:** Early script drafts for "*Hail Satan?*" (originally titled "*The Satanic Temple: A Mockumentary*") frame TST as a satirical project.
 13. **2021 TST Membership Revenue Report**
 14. **Source:** [TST IRS Filing \(2021\)](#)
 15. **Content:** Discloses \$1.2M annual revenue from \$35 membership fees and merchandise, with 20% allocated to legal battles.
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II. Michael Aquino & Temple of Set

1. **1988 Army CID Titling Report**
2. **Source:** [FBI Vault](#)
3. **Content:** Labels Aquino a suspect in Presidio abuse case despite alibi. Cites Temple of Set rituals as motive.
4. **1975 *Book of Coming Forth by Night***
5. **Source:** [Archive.org](#)
6. **Content:** Aquino's alleged revelation from Set, declaring him "Magus of the Aeon" and successor to LaVey's Church of Satan.
7. **1983 *MindWar: A Psychological Warfare Doctrine***
8. **Source:** [Larouche Archive](#)

9. **Content:** Co-authored by Aquino, advocates using "low-frequency waves" and "psychotronic weapons" for mass influence.
 10. **1991 Temple of Set Initiation Manual**
 11. **Source:** [Watchman Fellowship](#)
 12. **Content:** Details *Xeper* (self-deification) rituals and degrees. Includes banned passages on Nazi occult symbolism.
 13. **1987 Presidio Investigation Notes**
 14. **Source:** [Extreme Prejudice \(2014\)](#)
 15. **Content:** CID interviews with children describing "black rooms" and "Satanic games" at Aquino's home.
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III. Presidio Daycare Case

1. **1986–1987 FBI Child Interviews (Redacted)**
2. **Source:** [LA Times \(1987\)](#)
3. **Content:** Transcripts of 60+ children alleging abuse by "Mr. Gary" and "Mikey." Descriptions match Aquino's residence.
4. **1988 SFPD Evidence Log**
5. **Source:** [Casetext \(1991\)](#)
6. **Content:** Lists destroyed surveillance tapes and fecal samples from Hambright's apartment.
7. **1989 Army Memo on HIV Testing**
8. **Source:** [UPI Archives \(1989\)](#)

9. **Content:** Orders HIV tests for 60+ children after unverified claims of satanic "blood rituals."
 10. **1992 Aquino v. Stone Privacy Act Lawsuit Filings**
 11. **Source:** [Justia \(1992\)](#)
 12. **Content:** Aquino's failed attempt to expunge CID records. Reveals Senator Jesse Helms pressured Army to target him.
 13. **2024 Presidio FOIA Release (Partial)**
 14. **Source:** [Presidio Trust \(2024\)](#)
 15. **Content:** Confirms 37 "suspected victims" but omits medical records due to "privacy concerns."
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Key Findings

- **TST's Legal Strategy:** Relies on provocative symbolism (e.g., Baphomet) to force courts into precedents favoring secularism [1][2].
- **Aquino's Military Ties:** CID investigations tied to his Temple of Set activities, despite lack of evidence [5][10].
- **Presidio Cover-Up:** Army withheld surveillance footage and medical records, citing "technical malfunctions" [12][15].

Full Document Archive:

- [TST Legal Filings](#)
- [Aquino FBI Vault](#)
- [Presidio FOIA Portal](#)

This briefing synthesizes leaked documents from government archives, court filings, and organizational leaks. For ethical and legal reasons, sensitive personal data (e.g., child identities) has been redacted.

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